of vehicles. For illustrative purposes, the <domain> part may be "vehicle.com" in this example.

The assigned car-mail address is communicated by the host computer to the automobile system in the vehicle and is stored in a memory in the automobile system. The car-mail address remains unchanged during the vehicle rental period. The automobile system includes car-mail communications subsystem **2203** in FIG. **22**. Subsystem **2203** further includes transceiver **2205**, modem **2209**, and car-mail processor and memory **2211**. Transceiver **2205** includes, e.g., a wireless phone in the subject vehicle, for transmitting and receiving information via wireless network **2213**, e.g., the well known advanced mobile phone service (AMPS) network, digital AMPS network, personal communications service (PCS) network, global system for mobile communications (GSM) network, paging network, hybrid personal communications network (HPCN), satellite network, microwave network, milliwave network, etc. Modem **2209** is used for modulating and demodulating carriers carrying car-mail data to and from data channels, e.g., cellular digital packet data (CDPD) channels, in wireless network **2213**. To that end, processor and memory **2211** is used to compose and present car-mail messages in the subject vehicle through a user interface in the automobile system. For transmitting and receiving car-mail messages, transceiver **2205** establishes a dial-up connection through wireless network **2213** to predetermined access server **2222** which, among others, serve car-mail on Internet **170**. It should be noted at this point that server **2222** may not be the only one access server on the Internet serving car-mail. It will be appreciated that more access servers similar to server **2222** are geographically distributed for effective communications of car-mail.

Continuing the above example, after the car rental company host computer assigns the car-mail address for use in the subject vehicle during the rental period, the car rental agent uses PCD **120** to communicate via text or voice media to the temporary driver the assigned car-mail address, along with other information described before. With this car-mail address, the car rental company can continually communicate information in the form of car-mail with the vehicle, as opposed to a particular person as in prior art where a personal e-mail is used. Such information may concern vehicle conditions and driving safety tips, and may include the aforementioned warnings, advisories and emergency information directed not only to the temporary driver, but also to any other users, e.g., passengers, of the vehicle. In addition, the temporary driver and other vehicle users may use the car-mail address as a conventional e-mail address and give it out to people who want to communicate with them during the rental period.

In the case where the temporary driver uses server **105** to collect and sort his/her e-mail messages in a manner described before, the temporary driver may use PCD **130** to communicate to server **105** the forwarding car-mail address such that any e-mail messages directed to him/her during the rental period can be seamlessly forwarded to the automobile system for his/her review and response.

The foregoing merely illustrates the principles of the invention. It will thus be appreciated that those skilled in the art will be able to devise numerous other systems which embody the principles of the invention and are thus within its spirit and scope.

For example, although server **105** and PCD **120**, as disclosed, are embodied in the form of various discrete functional blocks, each of the server and PCD could equally well be embodied in an arrangement in which the functions of any one or more of those blocks or indeed, all of the functions thereof, are realized, for example, by one or more appropriately programmed processors or devices.

We claim:

1. A method for use in a server serving a user of a communication device, the method comprising:

maintaining a plurality of profiles of the user;

receiving, through a communications network, a request for information concerning one or more product or service providers, and data indicative of a selected one of the profiles and a location of the communication device determined by the communication device;

collecting requested information from one or more sources based on the received data;

providing the requested information to the communication device, the requested information including information concerning at least a first product or service provider in accordance with the selected profile, wherein the first product or service provider and at least a second product or service provider are selected in a vicinity of the location of the communication device; and

providing data for the communication device to indicate to the user that the first product or service provider satisfies the selected profile and the second product or service provider does not satisfy the selected profile.

2. The method of claim **1** wherein the profiles include a personal profile.

3. The method of claim **2** wherein the personal profile includes a medical record, at least part of the collected information comprising personal medical information being stored in the medical record.

4. The method of claim **1** wherein the profiles include a business profile.

5. The method of claim **1** wherein the profiles include a vacation profile.

6. The method of claim **1** wherein the one or more sources are connected to the Internet.

7. The method of claim **1** wherein one of the profiles includes a financial record, at least part of the collected information comprising financial information being stored in the financial record.

8. The method of claim **1** wherein the collected information is stored for the user as a function of a geographic location.

9. The method of claim **1** wherein the collected information is stored for the user based on one or more types of product or service provided at least by the first product or service provider.

10. The method of claim **9** wherein one of the types of product or service concerns entertainment.

11. The method of claim **9** wherein one of the types of product or service concerns restaurants.

12. The method of claim **1** wherein the location of the communication device is indicated by GPS data.

13. A system for serving a user of a communication device, the system comprising:

storage for maintaining a plurality of profiles of the user;

an interface for receiving, through a communications network, a request for information concerning one or more product or service providers, and data indicative of a selected one of the profiles and a location of the communication device determined by the communication device;

a processing unit configured to collect requested information from one or more sources based on the received data; and

an output element for providing the requested information to the communication device, the requested information including information concerning at least a first product